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Group Art Unit: **3671**)
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Sir:

Please find included a Supplemental FORM PTO-1449 (Substitute) for the Examiner to consider when examining the above-stated patent application.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §197(c)(2))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (Substitute) are brought to the attention of the Examiner. No representation is made that these documents are analogous art or material to the patentability of the invention. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104, no representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. Moreover, no representation is made that the attached documents have been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a document is intended.

This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists. It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures §609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Applicant reserves the right to present to the USPTO the relevant facts and law to support that the listed documents are not "prior art" (e.g. pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or otherwise), that the listed documents are not "material" to the patentability of the present invention and that the present invention is patentable over the listed documents.

A copy of each document is enclosed. Some of the documents may have markings thereon. No significance is meant to be attached to the markings.

Consideration of the documents listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 (Substitute), marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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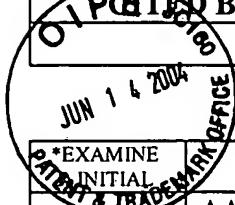


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